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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-32 are canceled without prejudice

33 (currently amended) A parts management system, comprising a mobile unit and a service center,

wherein the mobile unit comprises:

a collecting device that collects management information related to management of parts of the mobile unit; and

a mobile unit transmitting device that transmits the management information to the service center, and

wherein the service center comprises

a determining device that determines whether or not at least one part required for replacement exists in the parts of the mobile unit based on the transmitted management information;

an acquiring device that acquires part replacement information from parts suppliers related to replacement of at least one part required for replacement, in a case where it is determined by the determining device that at least one part required for replacement exists; and

a service center transmitting device that transmits the part replacement information to the mobile unit,

wherein the mobile unit further comprises a notifying device that notifies the transmitted part replacement information to a user of the mobile unit, and

wherein the part replacement information is information comprising: information identifying said at least one part required for replacement; and information identifying at least one parts supplier dealing with the part required for replacement.

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34 (previously presented). The part management system according to claim 33, wherein the part replacement information is information related to status of the parts supplier's stock of the part required for replacement.

35 (previously presented). The part management system according to claim 33, wherein the part replacement information is information related to status of working areas of the parts supplier.

36 (previously presented) The part management system

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